

REMARKS

Upon entry of the above-identified amendment, claims 42-78 and 80 will be pending, wherein claims 79, 81 and 82 will be canceled, and claims 42, 43, 45-48, 51, 54-56, 58, 61-63, 67, 70-72, 74, 77 and 80 will be amended to correct various typographical errors. Entry of the above-identified amendment is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action ("Action"), the Examiner indicates that the drawings are not acceptable. In response Applicant submits herewith formal drawings, addressing the Examiner's concerns.

In paragraph 6 of the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 42-82 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. More specifically, the Examiner points to various phrases as being unclear or indefinite. In response, Applicant propose to amend claims 42, 43, 45-48, 51, 54-56, 58, 61-63, 67, 70-72, 74, 77 and 80 to correct the inconsistent and/or indefinite language. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 42-82 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The application is in condition for allowance. Notice of same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner find the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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